

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Bakeware having a food contacting surface formed with an embossed textured pattern comprising a plurality of spaced-apart raised, straight sided geometric shapes separated by at least a first set of parallel depressed grooves and at least a second set of parallel grooves, wherein the first and second sets of depressed grooves intersect to define the raised geometric shapes therebetween, wherein the raised geometric shapes have flat surfaces which lie in a common plane separated by the depressed grooves to define the food contacting surface.

2. (Original) The bakeware of claim 1 wherein the raised geometric shapes are selected from the group consisting of squares, diamonds and triangles.

3. (Original) The bakeware of claim 1 having an exterior surface formed with an embossed textured surface pattern.

4. (Original) The bakeware of claim 3 wherein the embossed exterior surface pattern comprising a plurality of spaced-apart, depressed, straight-sided geometric shapes separated by at least two sets of raised ridges, a first of said sets of raised ridges comprising a plurality of parallel extending ridges and a second set comprising a plurality of parallel extending ridges, wherein said first and second sets of ridges intersect with each other to define at least a portion of said straight sided geometric shapes.

5. (Original) The bakeware of claim 4 wherein the geometric shapes are diamond-shaped.

6. (Original) The bakeware of claim 4 including a third set of spaced-apart parallel raised ridges which intersect with the first and second sets of raised ridges to define the depressed geometric shapes as triangles.

7. (Original) The bakeware of claim 3 wherein at least one of the food contacting surface and the exterior surface is anodized.

8. (Original) The bakeware of claim 3 wherein the food contacting surface and the exterior surface are anodized.

9. (Original) The bakeware of claim 1 wherein the food contacting surface is coated with a non-stick layer.

10. (Original) The bakeware of claim 9 wherein the non-stick layer is a PTFE material and wherein the exterior surface is anodized.

11. (Original) The bakeware of claim 1 in a product configuration selected from the group consisting of a round cake pan, a round pie pan, a rectangular utility pan, a rectangular jellyroll pan, a square cake pan and a cookie sheet.

12. (Currently Amended) Bakeware having a food ~~contact~~ contacting surface and an exterior surface, said food contacting surface formed with an embossed, textured pattern comprising a plurality of spaced-apart, raised diamond-shaped surfaces, said raised diamond-shaped surfaces separated by a first set of parallel depressed grooves and a second set of depressed parallel grooves which intersect with said first set to define the raised diamond-shaped surfaces

therebetween, wherein the raised diamond-shaped surfaces are flat and lie in a common plane to contact a food product being baked;

said exterior surface comprising a plurality of spaced-apart depressed diamond-shaped surfaces separated by a plurality of first and second spaced-apart sets of parallel raised ridges wherein said first and second sets of raised ridges intersect to define the depressed diamond shaped surfaces therebetween.

13. (Original) The bakeware of claim 12 wherein at least one of the food contacting surface or the exterior surface is anodized.

14. (Original) The bakeware of claim 12 wherein both the food contacting and exterior surfaces are anodized.

15. (Original) The bakeware of claim 12 wherein the food-contacting surface has a stick resistance coating of a PTFE material applied thereon.

16. (Original) The bakeware of claim 15 wherein the exterior surface is anodized.

17. (Original) The bakeware of claim 12 having an anodized surface thereon and wherein laser applied indicia is engraved on said anodized surface.

18. (Original) The bakeware of claim 12 in a product configuration selected from the group consisting of a round cake pan, a round pie pan, a rectangular utility pan, a rectangular jellyroll pan, a square cake pan and a cookie sheet.

19. (Original) The bakeware of claim 12 wherein at least one of the food contacting surface or the exterior surface is anodized.

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20. (Original) The bakeware of claim 12 wherein the food contacting surface is coated with a non-stick layer and the exterior surface is anodized.

21. (Original) The bakeware of claim 12 wherein both the food contacting surface and the exterior surface are anodized.